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Wabash River Defenders plan cleanup

The Wabash River Defenders' annual tradition of clearing debris from the Wabash River will continue Saturday, July 25. Volunteers may join a team on the day of the event. Registration with coffee and donuts served will begin at 7 a.m. The cleanup will begin at 8 a.m. For more information, call Jen Rankin, the group's vice president, at 260-503-9880.

Backpack giveaway planned for Saturday

The Wireless Zone's Backpack Giveaway is set to last from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26 at 1465 N. Cass St.

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Camp the weekend or

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The Lagro Canal Foundation also received the OCRA Historical Renovation Grant in 2018 for the IORM building, so the exterior of the former bank and hardware has been completed.

OCRA Historic Renovation Grants awarded to three local projects

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch announced a total of 12 winning applications statewide

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that 12 properties will receive funding through the Historic Renovation Grant Program, including three in Wabash County, according to Melissa Thomas, communications director.

The local projects which will benefit from the grants include Dickos Peterson & Metz Real Estate in Wabash, and the Improved Order of Red Men (IORM) building and Lagro United Methodist Church, both of Lagro.

Thomas said the Historic Renovation Grant Program, in its fourth year, is a comprehensive grant program designed to preserve and rehabilitate historic properties to further incentivize downtown economic development.

"The funding for this year has been exhausted through the projects listed below and the program is now suspended until more funding is allocated next legislative session," said Thomas.

Eligible properties for this grant program must be at least fifty years old and either listed on the register of Indiana historic sites/structures, be listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places



Provided photo

The Lagro United Methodist Church is awarded \$45,860 to preserve twenty-two windows, of the Gothic Revival style building built in 1915.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Dickos Peterson & Metz Real Estate is awarded \$68,754 to rehabilitate and revitalize two buildings located in the center of the commercial district of the city of Wabash.

or be listed as a contributing resource in a National Register District.

tion, joint venture, limited liability company, corporation, or non-profit affordable housing organization. Applicants with an eligible historic commercial structure can apply for project funding between \$5,000 and \$100,000 at a maximum request of 50 percent of the total eligible project cost.

"These applications are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis so these projects were some of the first applications that met all of our guidelines and submitted the required information correctly," said Thomas.

Each property received funding for the renovation and preservation of exterior features. Such renovations include roof replacement, masonry restoration, repair and replacement of doors and windows, facade renovation, and/or chimney improvements.

Dickos Peterson & Metz Real Estate

Dickos Peterson & Metz Real Estate is awarded \$68,754 to rehabilitate and revitalize two buildings located in the center of the commercial district of the city of Wabash. Built in 1900, it was originally designed as a hardware store but now houses the real estate office.

IORM Building

LCF Properties LLC is awarded \$58,908 to preserve the exterior of the IORM building in the town of Lagro. Located in the historic downtown, the

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WCUF creates an emergency relief grant for nonprofits

The deadline for submitting a request is noon Friday, Aug. 7

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) has created the Emergency Relief Grant for local nonprofits in response to the increased demand experienced by local non-profits who provide services to families in need, according to Steve Johnson, executive director.

Johnson said these funds are part of a \$175,000 COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant award was made possible through a partnership between Lilly Endowment, Inc. and Indiana United Ways, the state professional association of which WCUF is a member.

A total of \$40,000 has been set aside for this grant. The deadline for submitting a grant request is noon Friday, Aug. 7.

"WCUF and its network

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2020 WACCY Golf Outing canceled

Decision made 'in light of recent upticks in cases of COVID-19'

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Grow Wabash County "regretfully announces" that the 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing has been canceled, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing and events.

The event was originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, and was later scheduled for the backup date of Thursday, July 30, before it was finally called off.

"The decision comes after many discussions with Grow Wabash County investors as well as the Grow Wabash

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WHS graduation tickets now available

COVID-19 causes changes to the ceremony, which will also be live-streamed

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Like many schools this year, COVID-19 has radically altered graduation plans for those ready to receive their diplomas.

Wabash High School (WHS) has been no exception, and their tentatively scheduled date was confirmed Wednesday by Jeff Galley, assistant principal

of Wabash High School.

The 147th WHS graduation ceremony is set to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, July 31 on the Honeywell House Lawn.

"Please note that due to current COVID-19 restrictions, guests will be required to have a ticket," said Galley.

Galley said each graduate will be allowed four tickets.

"Replacement tickets will not be available," said Galley. "Attendees are also asked to practice social distancing and are encouraged

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School Prayer Walk set for Tuesday

Community invited to meet in front of Common Ground Prayer House

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The annual School Prayer Walk before the school year starts has been planned for next week, according to Angie Penix.

The special prayer event is set to start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 in front of Common Ground Prayer House, 78 W. Hill St.

"After a word of prayer we will form small groups according to interest and then leave to Prayer Walk schools throughout the



Provided photo

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Wabash community," said Penix. "Please invite your church to participate in this opportunity to pray for our

students, teachers, bus drivers, coaches, janitors, cooks

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Provided photo

Wabash artist Terry Pulley was one of the artists commissioned to create this local design.

Dedication for public art in Wabash County set for August’s First Friday

The installation of 15 decorative art wraps on traffic control boxes will be honored

STAFF REPORT

New public art will be dedicated during First Friday festivities at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 at the northwest corner of Canal and Miami streets at the traffic control box located outside Schlemmer Brothers Hearth & Home, 108 W. Canal St., according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director for Wabash Marketplace.

The event will honor the installation of 15 decorative art wraps on traffic control boxes throughout Wabash and North Manchester.

“The large, metal boxes at prominent intersections are wrapped in famous works of art. Also, two of the designs feature artwork by local artists,” said Zwiebel. “The public is encouraged to socially distance. ... The event will feature brief remarks from the partners on the project, unveiling of the art wrap, the first look at the printed brochure, photo opportunities and meet-and-greet

with local artists.”

The project is a partnership between Visit Wabash County, city of Wabash, town of North Manchester, Manchester Alive, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), Bad Apple Graphics and Wabash Marketplace.

“Wabash artist Terry Pulley and North Manchester artist Susan Ring were commissioned by Visit Wabash County to create two local designs. The remaining designs are famous

artwork available for licensing in the public domain. The designs are recognizable as masterpieces by Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, Edgar Degas and more. The community is encouraged to use the map as a driving tour of Wabash County,” said Zwiebel.

The entire project, including all 15 designs and map, may be viewed online at <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/artwraps.html>. Zwiebel said use the hashtag #ArtWrapsWabash County may be used on social media.

THE ROXY

MOVIE THEATER

Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, July 24–Sunday, July 30

All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

The Greatest Showman (PG) Fri: 3:05, 6:25 Sat: 11:45, 3:05, 6:25 Sun: 11:45, 3:05	Mean Girls (PG13) Fri: 4:15, 7:40 Sat: 12:55, 4:15, 7:40 Sun: 12:55, 4:15
Zootopia (PG) Fri: 3:50, 7:15 Sat: 12:30, 3:50, 7:15 Sun: 12:30, 3:50	Karate Kid (1984) (PG) Fri: 3:30, 6:55 Sat: 12:10, 3:30, 6:55 Sun: 12:10, 3:30
Jaws (PG) Fri: 3:20, 6:40 Sat: 12:00, 3:20, 6:40 Sun: 12:00, 3:20	

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5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday

Mostly Sunny

89 / 68

Sunday

Partly Cloudy

91 / 74

Monday

Showers Likely

84 / 66

Tuesday

Sunny

81 / 65

Wednesday

Mostly Sunny

84 / 66

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:39 a.m.

First
7/27

Full
8/3

Last
8/11

New
8/18

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 89°, humidity of 53%. Light winds. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 68°. Light winds. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 91°, humidity of 54%. South southwest wind 3 to 9 mph.

WCUF

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of donor organizations and companies offer this Emergency Relief Grant to provide immediate support for those who need it most, through the nonprofit organizations that serve them,” said Johnson.

To be eligible, organizations must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit that serves Wabash County residents. They must have the capacity to respond to the individuals and families impacted by COVID-19 promptly and must be able to provide their latest financial audit or most recent board approved financial statement. Also, organizations must be able to document and agree to report on how the funds meet the identified needs.

Applicants do not need to be a current funded partner of the WCUF.

The priorities for eligible funding are: providing basic human needs, and ensuring the health and safety of staff, clients and volunteers that are associated with recipient organization.

“Food security is, perhaps, the most important of basic needs. Nonprofits

in Wabash County are also hearing that their clients need help with household expenses and supplies, critical home repairs such as air conditioning, consistent transportation, reliable childcare solutions and mental health services for those experiencing anxiety, isolation, addiction, abuse or assault. Many residents are now required to work or study from home, often without sufficient high-speed internet, making it nearly impossible to be productive,” said Johnson.

To ensure the health and safety of those working with an organization, eligible expenses could include, but are not limited to, deep cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, materials needed to promote social distancing; minor site improvements to safely deliver goods and services; or costs related to improved technology.

Organizations that are interested in applying for funding through the United Fund Emergency Relief Grant for Nonprofits are encouraged to email steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org. Place “United Fund Emergency Relief Grant” and your organization’s name in the sub-

ject line. In the body of the message, include your grant request amount, a statement of your organization’s need stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, with 3,000 characters maximum, a specific statement of how your organization will spend the grant funds, with 3,000 characters maximum, and a timeline for spending the funds.

Approved organizations will be invited to complete the application process and submit supporting documentation before the final grant award.

“The Emergency Relief Grant Fund is made possible, in part, through support from Lilly Endowment,, Indiana United Ways, Ford Meter Box Foundation, Owens Corning Thermafiber, Paperworks and First Financial Foundation. All of these organizations have stepped up to add their support for Wabash County residents impacted by the pandemic,” said Johnson.

For more information, email steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org or call 260-563-6726.

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PULSE

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join for the day and celebrate Christmas in July and Smokey Bear’s Birthday on Saturday, July 25 at Mississinewa Lake’s Miami State Recreation Area, 6701 E. 550 South, Peru. Donations will be accepted. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. The event begins with a pancake breakfast served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Santa will appear from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be a campsite contest sign-up during the breakfast time. There will be a youth archery shoot at 2 p.m.; cornhole registration at 3 p.m.; a cornhole tournament from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; bike and shelter decorating at 6:15 p.m.; the Smokey Bear parade at 6:45 p.m., which begins at campground gate, parade in the front loop only and the campground roads will be closed from 6:45 to 7:10 p.m.; Smokey Bear party at 7 p.m.; and campsite decorating judging at 8:30 p.m. Campsite decorating awards are set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 26. For information, call 260-468-2127 or visit www.camp.IN.gov.

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile rolling out to provide immunizations for local children

Immunizations will be offered by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling 877-774-8632 and selecting option 2. To maintain social distancing, only one child and their parent/guardian will be allowed in the Care Mobile at a time, and a tent will be on site for those waiting. Parents and children age 2 and up will need to wear a face mask. Those without a mask will be provided one upon arrival. The Care Mobile delivers no-charge services to families without medical insurance. However, families with medical insurance are still welcome to make an appointment and their insurance will be billed for services. A stop has been scheduled Wednesday, July 29 at Manchester Jr./Sr. High School, One Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Second Harvest plans tailgates at Northfield

The tailgates are planned for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High

School, 154 W. 200 North. No IDs, proof of address or need will be required, and all will be welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

Wabash High School plans prom

Prom has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 in front of Wabash High School, 580 N. Miami St.

Indiana 16 to close for pavement improvements

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has closed Indiana 16 in both directions between Indiana 105 and County Line Road for pavement improvements. During the closure, the official state highway detour will follow Indiana 105, Highway 24 and Indiana 13. Indiana 16 is expected to reopen by late July. Drivers should slow down and be alert for works crews in the area of the closure.

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Holcomb announces statewide face-covering requirement

Executive order makes masks mandatory anyone 8 years or older

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced Wednesday he will sign an executive order requiring Hoosiers to wear face coverings in most public settings, beginning Monday.

A mask or other face-covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand,

or improvised from household items such as scarfs, bandanas and T-shirts. The mouth and nose should be covered, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

The executive order will require face coverings for anyone 8 years old or older in the following places:

- Public indoor spaces and commercial entities.
- While using public transportation or other vehicle services such as a taxi or rideshare.

■ Outdoor public spaces when it's not possible to socially distance from people not in the same household.

Additionally, face coverings will be required in schools for students in the third grade and above, faculty, staff, volunteers and anyone else in schools. Masks are also required for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities with exceptions for strenuous physical activity.

The order will have ex-

ceptions for medical purposes, disabilities, exercising, and eating and drinking.

The state will approach enforcement of the face-covering requirement with an emphasis on education. The executive order states a penalty can be levied under the authority of state law. Local governments may impose more restrictive guidelines.

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm>.

ISDH adds six new local COVID-19 cases since Wednesday; total now 137

The state still reports three local deaths, and now reports 2,875 tests

STAFF REPORT

Since Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has added six new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 137.

On Wednesday, the state reported four additional cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 135, with 2,799 tests.

On Thursday, the state reported 2,845 local tests.

On Friday, the state reported two additional local cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 137, with 2,875 tests.

The still reports three local deaths.

Statewide on Friday, the ISDH announced that 1,011 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 60,598 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard, according

to Megan Wade-Taxter, media relations coordinator.

A total of 2,687 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of four over the previous day. Another 197 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

As of Friday, 678,749 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 666,283 on Thursday.

ISDH is hosting free testing clinics through Saturday

in the following counties: Elkhart, Henry, Lake, Starke, Tippecanoe, Kosciusko, Marshall, Ohio, Brown, Gibson, Wells, Perry and Warrick. Also, ISDH will offer testing on Saturday only at the following locations:

- From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Luther Howe Park, 1600 W. Green St., Clinton.
- From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Indianapolis Urban League, 777 Indiana Ave., Indianapolis.

To find other testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Making room in our hearts

Adoption made the news in recent days because of a Republican congressman unveiling the surprise news that he has been raising an adopted son from Cuba. Though the reaction on the hyperpartisan internet has been shrill and unpleasant, perhaps this can nudge us toward a radical shift in our thinking — one where adoption is more commonplace, because we are more welcoming.

A week before the congressman's adoption kerfuffle was the Feast of the Corpus Christi on the Catholic calendar. Traditionally, it's a day of Eucharistic processions. I heard of a few, but they were much reduced in these pandemic times. Still, there was something striking about the day, focused as it is on what the Church teaches is the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The absence of that

presence for many of us has deepened our appreciation for presence, period. You don't have to be a believing Catholic to have had this experience: Even for introverts, social distancing has been rough. We need the presence of others.

Presence is powerful — when it is comforting, when it is demanding. Virtual presence is not the same. I'm grateful for what computers and the internet have made possible, but it's a poor substitute. There's no lingering, no having the conversations one really can only have in person. It's not the same encounter.

There's a movie expected to come out later this year called "The Ride," about the early years of former BMX bike star John Bultjens. It's amazingly timely, as he was exposed to some pretty intense racism before being welcomed into the home of an interracial couple. His story is a raw and powerful look at the healing that is possible even in the most intensely abusive circumstances. It's not a perfect story, which makes

it all the more important — it's about the real-life work of love. The work we as a society are being called to do.

Stories like Bultjens' remind us that solutions are closer to home than the political arguments of the day would have us believe. As we wait for decisions involving abortion and religious freedom, or react to recent decisions about immigration and human rights, we should be asking what we have done lately to help the poor and the needy, the desperate and the despairing.

In his Corpus Christi homily, Pope Francis used the word "orphan" in unexpected ways, talking about the current moment as "a time of great orphanage." He said: "So many people have memories marked by a lack of affection and bitter disappointments caused by those who should have given them love, and instead orphaned their hearts. We would like to go back and change the past, but we cannot. God, however, can heal these

wounds by placing within our memory a greater love: his own love."

Whatever one believes, we cannot afford to leave anyone feeling orphaned. Even people surrounded by family can feel alone and unloved. Don't we see the consequences of that lack of hope playing out on our streets, in our politics, even in so many homes? The solution lies in opening our hearts to others for the kind of healing that only otherworldly, sacrificial, merciful love makes possible. It's amazing when we see it unfold. It's only possible with gratitude. Leaving room in our lives to encounter God — and being an instrument for others to make that same encounter — sure doesn't hurt.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living." She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan's pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

TICKETS

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to wear a face mask."

Parents and guardians will need to receive tickets from the seniors themselves.

Seniors can pick up the tickets at the high school office from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at the WHS office.

For those who are not able to attend, the live stream may be viewed by visiting <https://www.wabashwebtv.com/>.

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WALK

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and everyone who is involved in our children's education."

Penix said there will be other weekly opportunities to join in "focused prayer" at

the Common Ground Prayer House, including:

- 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays: A prayer for revival.
- 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays: A community prayer time for lifting prayer for the community, state and nation.
- Noon to 1 p.m. Thurs-

days: A prayer for the upcoming election.

For more information, email praywabash@gmail.com.

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County Board of Directors to consider every possible angle and avenue to keep the event going as planned. But, in light of recent upticks in cases of COVID-19, it was ultimately determined that the best way to ensure the health and safety of all our

investors is to refrain from hosting the golf outing this year," said Boulrisse. "Grow Wabash County is in the process of reaching out to all of the event's sponsors, golfers and volunteers to discuss options and begin planning for next year's golf outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course."

WACCY stands for Wa-

bash Area Chamber of Commerce "and the Y was added on the end for wordplay," said Boulrisse.

For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/events, email marketing @growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

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Karen White

Feb 12, 1950 - July 20, 2020

Karen White, age 70 of Warsaw, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 20, 2020 in Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital.

Karen was born on February 12, 1950 in Wabash, Indiana. She was the daughter of the late Lloyd D and Roselyn L (Shafer) Benner. She was a 1968 graduate of Wabash High School and was a real estate broker, licensed in Indiana, South Carolina, and Texas.

Karen had an eye for interior decorating and impeccable taste. Her home was always beautifully decorated for each holiday and season and she enjoyed entertaining. She also enjoyed antique shopping and was a lover of flowers. Full of life and occasionally ornery, Karen loved her family deeply and was a proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

On September 23, 1989, Karen was united in marriage to Richard "Rich" White — Rich survives in Warsaw. Also surviving are two sons, Nicholas Rife (wife, Aubrey) of Warsaw and Matthew Rife of Dallas, TX; seven grandchildren: Jessica Hull (husband, Ty) of Larwill, Amanda Edwards (husband, Austin)



of Austin, TX, Michelle "Mimi" Rife of Austin, Doug Rife of Austin, Kennedy Miller (husband, Jeffrey) of Amboy, IN, Kylee Rife of Warsaw and Kaden Rife of Warsaw and two great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Elise.

A Life Celebration® was held on Friday, July 24, 2020 at Titus Funeral Home, 2000 East Sheridan Street in Warsaw. Visitation was held at 10 a.m. At Noon, Pastor Mike Beezley officiated Karen's Life Celebration Service. Burial followed with a commitment in Warsaw's Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Karen's memory to Fellowship Mission, 1520 Winona Avenue Warsaw, IN 46580.

Lawrence Russell 'Larry' Hall

Funeral Services for Lawrence Russell "Larry" Hall, 81, of Wabash, were 10:30 am, Thursday, July 23, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

David Phillips officiated, Susan Vanlandingham was the organist, and Jim Wehner was the bag piper. Memories shared Michelle

Welch-Smith, MD (daughter) and Lawrence R. "Russ" Hall II. Military Honors by Wabash V.F.W. Post 286 and US Army Honors Team.

Burial was in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Pallbearers were Jack Smith, Abby Welch, Tom Hall, Mike Hall, Matt Welch, and Chris Crace. Honorary pallbearer was Dewayne Miller.

Lois J. Cloud

July 28, 1934 - July 23, 2020

Lois J. Cloud, 85, of Beaver Dam Lake, Indiana, died at 9:30 pm, Thursday, July 23, 2020 at his home. She was born on Saturday, July 28, 1934 in Wabash, Indiana, to Glenn and Irene (Hips-kind) Bennett.

Lois was a 1952 graduate of Wabash High School and attended Marion College one year. She married Carl R. Cloud in LaFontaine, Indiana on August 8, 1961. She worked at the Wabash Senior Center and was a member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. Lois enjoyed living on the lake and reading.

She is survived by her husband, Carl R. Cloud and son,

William "Bill" Cloud, both of Beaver Dam Lake, four grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Entombment will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Tuesday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Lois may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Nancy A. Kulb

Nov 16, 1929 - July 19, 2020

Nancy A. Kulb, 90, of Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2020. She was born in Wabash, Indiana, on November 16, 1929 to the late Herbert L. and Freda L. (Jones) Bell.

Nancy is survived by her children, Steven Douglas (Judith) Kulb, Judith (James) Rance, Thomas Bayard (Theresa) Kulb and

Sarah Jane (Scott) Schwartz; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Friends Cemetery in Wabash.

Local funeral arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Donald Lee Courtney

Donald Lee Courtney, 75, of Harford City, Indiana, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2020 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Donald married Margaret Wilson on August 14, 1995; she passed away on February 3, 2020. He worked for the Container Corporation of Wabash for over thirty years.

Funeral services are at

2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with Pastor Troy Kaufman officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service starting at 1:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Opinion

LETTERS
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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

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In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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**DAILY
SCRIPTURE**

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

James 5:8

Trump’s crackdown in Portland shows his talent for making everything worse

The deployment of federal agents in Portland, Ore., over the objection of state and local officials, to shoot and gas protesters and to snatch people from the street to stuff them into unmarked vans is an unconscionable assault on democracy and a dangerous and needless ratcheting up of tension.

President Trump’s action in defiance of Oregon’s governor and Portland’s mayor has predictably given new life to nonstop protests that began after the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody but at last had begun to peter out. The president has thus employed his wretched talent for exacerbating division and inflaming discord at precisely the time the nation needs a leader to calm overheated passions and fears.

Presidents have broad power to deploy troops to quell lawlessness, but they generally exercise that power only when governors request assistance, or when the commander-in-chief himself determines that state authorities are failing to deal with the problem. They send in federal forces to protect people or to enforce the Constitution, as when President Eisenhower sent troops to Little Rock, Ark., in 1957 to enforce the right of Black students to enroll

in a previously all-white high school and to make clear that the famous Supreme Court ruling in Brown vs. Board of Education would be enforced, that the doctrine of “separate but equal” had been overturned, and that state segregationists could not defy the basic American principle that all people are equal under law.

Trump, by contrast, directed federal agencies to use their muscle to protect statues, monuments and other federal properties, not people or the Constitution. And he said Monday that he plans to do this in more cities – evidently, because he thinks displaying force against the citizenry is going to help him in November.

This has become part of his pattern. In the weeks before overreacting to the Portland protests, Trump used troops to clear his path for a photo op near the White House. He set forth his doctrine that “when the looting starts, the shooting starts.” He articulated his principle that states should “dominate the streets,” and if they didn’t, that he would override their authority.

It is a fact that some individuals have used the protests in Portland as an opportunity to destroy property and inject chaos into the demonstrations. It fell to Portland leaders to

strike the proper balance. They could respond with force, and thus play into protesters’ hands by presenting police engaged in precisely the kind of actions that were being protested; or they could monitor the situation, give protesters the room to make their case, tolerate some property losses and allow the demonstrations to die down on their own.

They made their choices, and they may well have made some bad ones. Portland has been on edge for weeks. But Mayor Ted Wheeler is the person answerable to the city’s people. He did not need, and did not seek, federal backup.

Trump’s insistence on federalizing the situation on his own undermines Portlanders’ control of their own city, and exacerbates the violence far more than the protesters’ actions did.

The president has in effect equated people protesting police brutality with terrorists, and is treating them as such.

In October, before Trump’s impeachment, before the COVID-19 pandemic, before the death of Floyd and before the nationwide protests, the president signed an order creating a Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. As with so many steps Trump takes, this

one appeared to be geared directly toward undoing an action of the Obama administration, in this case the creation of the 2015 President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

The Obama task force delved into police brutality, racial disparities in arrests and prosecutions, and other challenges facing modern-day policing in the U.S. Its recommendations included enhancing civilian oversight, improving training and building trust and legitimacy. Many of its efforts were rolled back by the Trump administration.

In launching Trump’s commission, Atty. Gen. William Barr included as a central question something that apparently baffles him as well as the president: Why is there a “continued lack of trust and respect for law enforcement” in many communities?

The answer is right under their noses. It is spread out on the street with George Floyd, it is shoved alongside protesters into unmarked federal police vans, it stands agog, with many of us, at actions to protect statues but shoot projectiles at people. The president won’t look. He sees what he sees, with eyes that won’t open.

This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

2020 Wabash County Fair Queen Pageant Committee thanks community

Thank you to a Wabash community that continues to support youth experiences in times when events look different and make us a bit more creative in how we plan and carry out some traditions. Thanks to Wabash County’s generosity.

Twenty-six young women have great memories from the 2020 Wabash County Fair Queen Pageant. Through interviews and professional workshops, they gained many skills that will serve them a lifetime. We are grateful for those who have made these opportunities possible.

Thank you for sponsoring our pageant: Chittick Insurance Group, Haupt Family Farms, Wabash County 4-H Council, Wabash County Fair Association, The Honeywell Foundation, The Paper of Wabash County and Wabash WebTV.

Thank you to those who provided contestants with gifts: Christine’s Photography, Chillz Ice Cream, Culver’s, Dynamic Designs by Dyson, Eberly Embroidery & Imprinting, Ellen’s Bridal & Dress Boutique, Lillian’s/Elle Belle Boutique, Modoc’s Market, MudLove, Nicole A. Howard Photography, REMC, Rhinestones & Roses Floral & Boutique, Texas Roadhouse, Wabash County Pork Producers, Wabash Engraving, Inc., Wings Etc. and Wooden Ivy Boutique & Floral.

Thank you to our scholarship and award contributors: Beacon Credit Union, Wabash County Extension Homemakers, the Maxine Howard Family, and former Wabash County 4-H Fair Queens- Shirley Anderson, Janet Dawson, Mary Ann Stroeh, Mollie Marsh, Nancy Busso, Beth Givens, Shelley Ross, Bobbi Bates, Kristina Meyer, Tracy Trump, Megan Gregory, Ashley Grimes, Brianne Finch, Ciara Short, Anna Marie Wright, Kylie Echard and Jordan Michel.

The Wabash County Fair Queen Pageant offers our contestants workshops that promote professionalism, interview experience, and camaraderie. For these opportunities, we say thank you to the following: Abbey

Amos, Jirni Cripe, Jessica Echard, Makayla Ridgeway, Jill Ringel, and Caley Stith. For the security of our patrons, we thank Mason Frehse and Scott Greiner. For the evening coronation program, we thank Derek Finch who keeps our audience entertained as the emcee.

Each of our 26 contestants has made our pageant stronger and better. The community members and contributors noted here have made it possible. Our 2020 Wabash County Fair Queen, Miss Alyssa McKillip, will represent Wabash County in the Indiana State Fair Pageant in January 2022. She embodies the spirit of Wabash County, and we know she will make us all proud.

The 2020 Wabash County Fair Queen Pageant Committee sends this letter with gratitude.

**Julie Echard, Kylie Echard, Tammy Farlow, Brianne Finch, Mariah Kirtlan and Mandy Renbarger
2020 Wabash County Fair Queen Pageant Committee**

Presidential abuse of power

President Donald Trump has shown how fragile our democracy is when we have a president who abuses his power and threatens the Constitution of the United States.

During protests in June, Trump wanted to deploy 10,000 troops from the 82nd Airborne Division and other units to Washington, D.C. to squelch the protests. The rational thinking and recommendations of Defense Secretary Esper, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Milley and Attorney General Bill Barr avoided the deployment.

Trump abused his power when he asked the Ukrainian president to interfere in our election, and Trump was subsequently punished with impeachment by the House of Representatives. Trump asked China’s President, Xi Jinping, to help him in the 2020 election.

Trump commuted convicted criminal Roger Stone’s sentence and interfered with the sentencing of other friends. Attorney General Barr said Trump’s tweets were interfering with Justice Department cases.

I agree with former Chief of Staff General John Kelly who essentially

said we have to scrutinize candidates for the Presidency of the U.S. to ensure they have the psychological stability, even demeanor and intelligence to assume the office of the president of our great country, and do not threaten our Constitution.

**Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, New Hampshire**

Greetings from Bethlehem

A word of thanks to the people of Wabash who made it possible for me to attend Wabash High School, with the help of the late Mayor of Wabash J. Robert Mitten and the Wabash Rotary Club in 1962-1963.

After that, I went to Indiana University in Bloomington and I got a B.A. And an M.A. And following my U.S. Active Naval Service and Reserve.

I went ahead and got my Ph.D. at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor in 1983. And I went back to Bethlehem where I taught for many years at Bethlehem University. I will always be thankful to the people of Wabash from the Rotary Club and the late mayor J. Robert Mitten.

I miss all of them at all times.

God bless you all.

**Adnan A. Musallam
Bethlehem, Israel**

Support the Great American Outdoors Act

On June 17, the U.S. Senate passed the Great American Outdoors Act with a 73-25 vote. This bipartisan legislation fully dedicates funds to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, our nation’s most successful conservation program, and funds repairs and maintenance projects for our public land management agencies.

During a time when our nation faces unprecedented challenges and economic uncertainty, the Great American Outdoors Act would make targeted investments on our lands and waters, funding a wealth of shovel-ready conservation and access projects across the country. It would fund LWCF at \$900 million in perpetuity, empowering a program that has funded projects in every U.S. county and providing vital tools for state and local agencies seeking to improve public access. It also would provide

public land agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, National Wildlife Refuge System and Bureau of Land Management, \$9.5 billion over the next five years to repair damaged roads, trails, bridges and water structures.

This legislation did not spring from thin air; it took decades of hard work and relentless advocacy by outdoorsmen and women committed to preserving our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, as well as a willing collaboration by members of both parties. On behalf of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, I ask our representatives to support this vital legislation and work to ensure a clean, swift passage without amendments.

**Benjamin Stout
Wabash**

Expand Child Tax and Earned Income Tax credits

We all want to see Hoosier families emerge from this crisis on firmer ground than they started, with stable housing, good jobs and a financial cushion to fall back on. And as we endure it, we want to be sure no family goes hungry, becomes homeless, or suffers hardship because of COVID-19 and the recession it created.

Federal, state and local policymakers continue to grapple with how we stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and provide relief to families who are continuing to struggle from the fallout of this pandemic.

While many policies have been put in place already, as the crisis continues, it is clear that more will have to be done to get the country back on solid ground.

Hoosier families are facing serious hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting sharp economic decline. To weather the storm, nearly 30 percent of Hoosiers have needed to borrow from credit sources and/or family and friends. One in five Hoosiers reported taking from savings or selling assets to make ends meet. Nationally, two-thirds of adults with low incomes and 45 percent of Black and Latinx adults said their families could not pay rent, mortgage, or utility bills; were struggling to afford food or skipped medical

care over a month.

Congress must step up with stronger policies to help people as the economic downturn drags on. In the next stimulus package, improving the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)—two proven policies that put money back in the pockets of people with low-wage jobs, reduce poverty, and boost the economy—should be part of the solution. That means:

■ Temporarily extending the full Child Tax Credit to children in families with low incomes, just as it is available for children in middle- and higher-income families, so the families that need it most can access the full credit. This would help 577,000 Hoosier kids.

■ Temporarily making the EITC available to younger and older workers who are currently excluded from the tax credit because they do not have kids at home. This expansion of the EITC would help 358,700 childless workers in Indiana.

Making these changes for tax year 2020 would put money back in the pockets of working people early next year. When families have money to spend on basic needs, that money is going back into local economies. When a person can buy groceries or fix their car get to work, it boosts the economy for everyone.

We urge our Sens. Young and Braun to help the U.S. Senate work with congressional leaders to enact these temporary improvements to the Child Tax Credit and EITC in the next bipartisan package to address the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis, along with other supports for struggling families and state governments.

Terri Garcia, Executive Director, Southeast Community Services

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Here are the new rules for post-pandemic retirement

Your retirement will be unique to you, but it often helps to have some rules of thumb as a guideline.

Over time it may make sense to revisit those rules. For example, experts used to talk about retirement being based on a three-legged stool: a pension, Social Security and personal savings. Such a scenario isn't applicable for most people these days, or at least not those working for a private-sector company.

Fewer employees have pensions that guarantee lifetime monthly payouts. There's a lot of uncertainty about the financial stability of Social Security. This means some of the advice that worked in years past won't apply to future retirees.

And now with the coronavirus pandemic throwing tens of millions of Americans out of work and causing extraordinary stock market volatility, it's time to give a makeover to some retirement rules of thumb.

■ **Old rule:** Make retirement savings your No. 1 priority.

■ **New rule:** Make paying off debt, especially high-interest debt, a priority.

The longer you wait to get rid of debt, the more likely it will hinder your retirement savings goal. You'll find that so much of your income is devoted to paying interest on your debts that you feel you can't afford to save. This makes paying off debt just as important as saving for retirement.

If you've got high-interest credit card debt, you need to make it a priority to get out from under this liability. Student loans dragged out over several decades can grow and become burdensome to your budget.

The longer you have until retirement, the more you should focus on paying down debt. If you're looking at retiring at 65, and you're in your 20s, 30s, and even 40s, you can afford to slow down saving for retirement to get rid of liabilities, especially if it's high-interest debt.

There's at least one caveat to this rule of thumb.

If your employer offers to match your retirement savings up to a designated percentage, try to save enough to contribute enough to receive the match, said Marguerita Cheng, a certified financial planner (CFP) based in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

"I think balance is important," Cheng says.

The most popular match formula among companies which have a 401(k) is a 100 percent match up to the first 3 percent that the employee contributes; then a 50 percent match for the next 2 percent contributed, according to Fidelity Investments, one of the country's largest administrators of workplace retirement accounts. About 40 percent of 401(k) plans use this formula, according to Fidelity.

"I advise clients to hate debt with a passion, and I have advised several clients to cease 401(k) contributions beyond the match so they can aggressively pay down their debt," said Ernest Burley, a CFP based in Maryland.

Working with a financial planner or a budget counselor from a nonprofit consumer credit counseling agency can help you develop a plan to pay down the debt so you can get back to saving for retirement as soon as possible.

Once the debt is gone, you can contribute substantially more to your workplace retirement account or an IRA. Time is still on your side.

"I like to strategically manage that situation so I am not a proponent of tossing all accumulated savings onto the debt, leaving the coffers bare," Burley said. "That is not a safe position to be in. I always let clients know this is short-term pain to reap long-term rewards. A timeline is another ray of hope I like to give. We look at all the debt then I give an aggressive recommendation to pay off the debt by a certain date so they know they'll be back on track after that date."

For instance, Burley says he might recommend taking \$500 a month to pay off \$6,000 in debt, then revisit the situation after the debt has been paid off to reassess the financial picture and plan the next steps such as allocating funds to build up savings and retirement accounts.

■ **Old rule:** Your home is a great retirement investment.

■ **New rule:** Your home is not a great retirement plan.

Your home is an asset but it is illiquid, meaning you can't quickly access the equity should you need cash. Yet, for most Americans, their home is their biggest asset.

"Just like the stock market, real estate returns vary widely," said Carolyn McClanahan, a physician turned certified financial planner who founded the fee-only Life Planning Partners based in Jacksonville, Florida.

"We may have years of real estate growth and then significant pullbacks and long-term recessions in the real estate market," McClanahan said. "When you need money, you

will be hurt if you have to sell your home in a down market. And unlike stocks, your home is not very liquid, so it may take years to sell."

Or, if you are forced to price your home to sell, you could take a significant loss.

"This is another rule that should have never been taught," Burley said. "Owning a home is very, very important but it is not a retirement investment. Ask those who suffered losses on their properties from 2008 to 2009 and are still underwater or at break-even while the stock market has quadrupled in value since that crash. Your home is just that, a home. It is an 'illiquid asset.' You can't cash in your front door or some shingles off your roof if you need money from your house."

There is one way to tap the cash in your home. If seniors have substantial equity in their homes, they can take out a reverse mortgage.

Unlike a traditional mortgage, with this loan product, you don't have to make monthly payments. With a reverse mortgage, borrowers don't pay back their loans until they move, sell or die. Once the home is sold, any equity that remains after the loan is repaid is distributed to the person's estate.

To qualify for a reverse mortgage, you have to be 62 or older. You have to have paid off your mortgage or paid down a considerable amount so you have equity to tap. Your home must be your principal residence. Most importantly, borrowers have to maintain the home and pay property taxes and homeowner's insurance.

Many consumer advocates warn about the downside of using a reverse mortgage as a source of retirement funds. If someone is using the money from a reverse mortgage to cover a significant shortfall in monthly expenses, they may quickly exhaust this source of funds. There are pros and cons to a reverse mortgage. Despite commercials touting just the advantages, the complexity and cost of this financial product call for an abundance of caution. Don't overlook the disadvantages.

■ **Old rule:** You'll only need between 70 percent and 80 percent of your preretirement income.

■ **New rule:** You may need to replace 100 percent of your preretirement income.

Don't underestimate your retirement spending.

"People think their expenses will go down during retirement because they don't commute to work and do myriad other things associated with that period of

time," Burley said. "But other expenses often take the place of the supposed savings from retiring. Many people still have a mortgage going into retirement, home and vehicle upkeep, giving to or spending money on grandchildren and possibly other relatives. It is better to plan for 100 percent of what you were living on before retirement. This is the more conservative approach. It won't hurt to have more saved than needed, but it's a pickle the other way around."

Retirement has three phases – the go-go years, the slow-go years and the no-go years, says McClanahan.

"During early retirement, many people spend as much if not more than what they were spending preretirement doing all the travel and making transitions they didn't have the time for preretirement," she said.

The spread of COVID-19 has grounded many travel plans of course, but eventually, things will return to normal. In fact, there may be a lot of demand to get away.

"In the slow-go years, as they get bored with travel and settle down, spending decreases," McClanahan said. "In the no-go years, health care costs can skyrocket, and they need to be prepared for their expenses."

It's hard to calculate with precision all your retirement expenses, and it's possible you will be able to greatly reduce your monthly expenses. But it's better to overestimate than underestimate your living costs.

Retirement planning is a guessing game. Guess wrong, and you could lose a lot.

■ **Old rule:** Retirees should greatly reduce their exposure to stocks.

■ **New rule:** Retirees shouldn't shun stocks.

One of the greatest financial risks for retirees is inflation.

"While many people are rightfully aware of investment risk, inflation risk is a commonly overlooked issue," said Eric Bronnenkant, head of tax at online financial adviser Betterment. "The cost of goods and services, especially medical in retirement, will likely exceed the growth of conservative investments. It is important to find a portfolio risk level to be comfortable with that balance these risks."

Ask yourself: How will my investments be impacted by inflation?

"It's not unusual to spend 30 plus years in retirement," Cheng points out. "Some exposure to equities can help keep up with inflation."

Without knowing when you'll die, you have to hedge that you'll live a long life.

About one out of every three 65-year-olds today will live past age 90, and about one out of seven will live past age 95, according to the Social Security Administration.

"Generally, the older you become the less equities you have because you want to reduce the risk of losing your money at a time when you need it," said Douglas Boneparth, a CFP based in New York. "Bonds are less risky than stocks. But for those who have plenty of money for retirement, equities may help grow their wealth even further because they have more room to take on risk. They can afford any potential losses. On the flip side, those with underfunded retirement accounts might need to lean on stocks to generate greater returns necessary to sustain their lifestyle, but again that implies taking on greater risk."

Having 100 percent bonds and no stocks in the long term actually performs worse than adding just a small slice of stocks, McClanahan said, adding that 10 percent in stocks can make a difference.

"Make sure to use broad-based low-cost funds to fill that stock allocation," she said. "In general, people need to understand how much they can afford to lose. If you have a small nest egg and can't afford to lose much, stick with 10 percent to 30 percent stocks. If you can weather longer downturns, you may want to increase that percentage to 30 percent to 50 percent. If you have more than enough money and want to grow that money for your family in the future, you can become even more aggressive. Of course, if the market does well, your family will be happy. If the market doesn't do well, you won't leave them as much but you should still be OK."

■ **Old rule:** Save at least 10 percent of your income for retirement

■ **New rule:** Aim to save 15 percent of your income for retirement.

One factor contributing to an increase in workers reaching millionaire status in their 401(k) is by saving a high percentage of their annual pay. They contribute at least 15 percent to their workplace retirement plan, according to Fidelity. Workers often reach this percentage through a combination of their contributions and the matching contribution from their employer.

Why 15 percent you may wonder?

This percentage benchmark takes into account evolving market conditions and provides a savings

cushion for people who may want to retire early, or who won't see a huge decrease in their spending, said Eliza Badeau, director of Workplace Thought Leadership at Fidelity.

With the cost of housing, transportation, food, and other expenses, you may be living paycheck to paycheck. The economic hit you may have taken because of the coronavirus may make it hard to fathom you could ever get to the point of saving 15 percent of your income. Still, as you recover financially, try to push as close as you can to it.

If you aren't saving anything in your workplace plan, start at 1 percent or 2 percent, increasing every year until you can afford to hit the 15 percent goal.

"We realized that not everybody has the ability to start there," Badeau said. "And I can imagine some people, early on in their career, who might see that number and get a little scared. But we do like to remind people that the percentage includes any company match. The most important thing to do is just start saving as early as possible and take advantage of that whole match. Increase as you can, because those incremental increases over 30, 40 years adds up to be a lot of saving."

Badeau said nearly 27 percent of millennials in plans managed by Fidelity are hitting that 15 percent mark, in a combination of their contributions plus their company match.

Some younger workers may be in a better position to save a significant part of their income because they don't have competing financial obligations, such as student loans, credit card debt or mortgages, Badeau said.

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule, so consider your individual situation. Do what works for you. But at least be sure you are intentional and realistic about the projected retirement income you'll need.

Just consider this. A secure retirement doesn't happen by accident. Without rules, you risk not having a secure retirement.

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Thousands still waiting on tax refunds

By MICHELLE SINGLETARY

American taxpayers got an extra three months from the Internal Revenue Service to pay their taxes this year. But this act of bureaucratic largesse didn't benefit many taxpayers who filed their returns long before the usual April 15 deadline. They are still awaiting refunds.

For the most part, the IRS stopped processing paper returns around March 30 because of the novel coronavirus. Some work was curtailed even earlier.

"Yes, some paper returns filed early in the season have not yet been processed," said IRS spokesman Eric Smith. "We have been hearing this from a number of folks and very much understand that people are concerned. We are continuing to whittle away at our paper inventory."

The coronavirus-related chaos that has marred this year's tax season should give people who still mail paper tax returns additional incentive to switch to electronic filing.

One reader, waiting on a \$10,000 refund, said his tax preparer doesn't like e-filing returns.

"Big mistake," he emailed. "Next time will hope my accountant of 40 years will do electronic filing or just re-

tire. We filed a paper federal return on February 25. We are due a large refund. I got my Maryland state tax refund promptly (paper return) and can't tell if my federal return got lost in the mail. Stupid me, I did not send it certified. Or is it still sitting in a trailer waiting to be reviewed? I'm not sure if the IRS 'penalizes' someone due a refund of several thousand dollars if the return just never got to them."

The agency began a phased reopening on June 1, with employees working to dig out from under a backlog of mail. "Even now, we're still not at 100 percent staffing," Smith said.

As of the week ending July 4, the agency estimates that it had 7.8 million pieces of mail correspondence, which includes about 3.6 million unopened returns, Smith said.

"These are not exact figures, and because both paper and electronic returns continue to come in, it's very much a moving target," he said. "So, we don't yet have an estimated date of when the backlog will be completed."

The IRS continues to experience delays in its mail-processing functions because staffing remains scaled back to comply with social-distancing recommendations.

Still, in the week ending July 10, the agency processed more than 4 million returns compared to the previous week. "That's one of our best weeks in a while," Smith said.

At least if you're getting a refund, your return gets priority treatment – whether your return arrived early in the year or during the typical spike around the filing deadline, which the IRS shifted from April 15 to July 15 this year.

There are four key points to keep in mind if you're worried about when your return will be processed, or whether the IRS received it.

Even without receipt proof, it's very likely your return is in the backlog. But if you're unsure, don't file a second tax return or bother calling the IRS.

"We completely sympathize with your concern that the IRS may not have received your return, especially when it comes to refunds," said Smith. "Right now, sending in a follow-up letter or another copy of the return won't help, and in fact it will usually slow things down. It could take even longer to get your refund."

As of July 10, the average refund was \$2,762.

Check the status of your refund by using the "Where's

My Refund?" tool at irs.gov/refunds or by calling 800-829-1954. But you don't have to check multiple times a day. The refund portal is only updated once a day, usually overnight.

You should call the IRS if it's been more than 21 days since you e-filed your return or you get a message while using the "Where's My Refund?" tool to contact the IRS. Although phone lines supported by customer service representatives are open, expect long waits because of limited staffing.

If you're due a refund, you'll get the full amount. There's no penalty assessed by the IRS even if the return is late. There is only a late-filing penalty if you owe.

There is a decent bonus for your wait. If you filed your tax return before July 15, you'll receive interest on your refund. The interest rate for the second quarter, which ended June 30, is 5 percent, compounded daily. After this date, the interest rate for the third quarter, ending Sept. 30, drops to 3 percent.

The interest accrues from April 15 to whenever the IRS issues your refund, and it could come in a separate check or direct deposit.

And, in case you're wondering, yes, the interest is considered taxable income.

Wabash Marketplace announces \$2,500 giveaway at August's First Friday event

Five-hundred people will receive a \$5 Downtown Bucks Voucher

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace will be giving away \$2,500 in Downtown Bucks at August's First Friday event on Aug. 7, according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director.

Five-hundred people will receive a \$5 Downtown Bucks Voucher to be spent that evening at any business in downtown Wabash. One voucher per adult will be given and they will not be valid at food trucks or street vendors.

Vouchers will be distributed at an outdoor booth, on the corner of Wabash and Canal streets. The line may form early, but vouchers won't be released until 5 p.m.

The vouchers will be

available through 8 p.m., or until the Bucks run out.

"Downtown Bucks may be spent like cash at any business open for First Friday," said Zwiebel. "Use your voucher on any item – ice cream cones at White Rock Recreation, beverages at Chapman's Wabash Taproom, dinner at Market Street Grill, gift items at Bluebird Boutique, etc. Just remember to use the Downtown Bucks that night; they are only valid from 5 p.m. until close Friday, Aug. 7."

Zwiebel said the Board of Directors approved this expense to serve as a stimulus to downtown businesses.

The August First Friday theme is "Celebrating the Arts" and includes free activities for kids, shopping specials and food trucks.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/372828447020691/> or www.wabashmarketplace.org.



Early church members paid \$650 to have the windows created and installed by artists of Empire Glassworks in Columbus, Ohio.



The largest windows each tell a story and are titled, “Come Unto Me, The Good Shepherd,” “Christ in Gethsemane” and “The Sower.”

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funding will be used for repairing and preserving the windows, doors, storefront and exterior brick walls. Plans for the building include hosting a business that will complement other local enterprises: coffee shop, bistro, Airbnb, and possible river recreational opportunities.

“It’s so exciting to see the recent changes in Lagro,” said Lavonne Sparling, of the Lagro Canal Foundation. “So many organizations and individuals are dedicating their efforts for the Lagro community to be a vital partner to achieve Grow Wabash County’s mission, ‘Together, Growing a Prosperous Wabash County.’ The Lagro Canal Foundation’s current project is renovating three adjoining historical buildings to host businesses and residences.”

Sparling said they were “fortunate” to receive the OCRA Historical Renovation Grant in 2018, so the exterior of the former bank and hardware has been completed.

“Now we’ll be able to repair the masonry and renovate the windows, doors and storefront on the third building. Receiving state grants gives the community hope and motivates local donors to support the cause through their donations and volunteer hours. We so appreciate being an OCRA Historical Renovation grant recipient and are excited for the community pride it will generate,” said Sparling.

Lagro United Methodist Church

The Lagro United Methodist Church is award-

ed \$45,860 to preserve twenty-two windows, of the Gothic Revival style building built in 1915. The largest windows each tell a story and are titled, “Come Unto Me, The Good Shepherd,” “Christ in Gethsemane” and “The Sower.” Early church members paid \$650 to have the windows created and installed by artists of Empire Glassworks in Columbus, Ohio.

“Our application for this grant is one of dual purpose. One, to preserve what was entrusted to us by our predecessors. Two, to take proper care of God’s house, our place of worship. Our goal is to continue to provide a place of worship and fellowship for our church family and our community, as well. This grant relieves some of the financial burdens, yet leaves opportunity for all who wish to contribute to this project. As in all that we do, we do this for God’s Glory and praise Him for helping us to accomplish the task of restoring the windows and continuing as a beacon of God’s light and love in the Lagro community,” said Pastor Rick Borgman, of Lagro United Methodist Church.

Other projects funded

In addition to the three Wabash County projects, the following nine projects statewide were also awarded grant funding:

■ KSTD Development, LLC is awarded \$100,000 to rehabilitate and rebuild portions of the Shipman-McCord House, located in the Mansion Row Historic District of downtown New Albany. The 1866 brick three-story building was built with extensive Italianate detailing, representing the city’s mid-19th century prosperity. The property was converted

to government apartments during World War II and will remain as such after the completion of the renovation.

■ Christ the King Parish is awarded \$100,000 to preserve the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother, an 1877 gable-front Romanesque style church located on Chapel Hill Drive in the Town of Ferdinand. Restoration efforts include restoring and protecting stained-glass windows, refurbishing art glass windows, installing new protective coverings and re-pointing masonry.

■ MH Properties is awarded \$39,568 to preserve 706-708 Main Street in the Downtown Historic District of the city of Jasper. The 6,400 square foot structure has undergone several renovations dating back to 1888. The building was utilized as an express office in 1920 with coach buggies built on the second floor. The preservation will restore the building to its former luster showing the pride of the community. The building has multiple tenants including Primierica, Yourstory Photography and Miligan Communications.

■ 511 Inc. is awarded \$30,000 for a roof replacement of 511 Wabash Ave., which is a neoclassical building in the city of Terre Haute. This 1892 building was originally constructed as a bank but in 1993, it underwent a historic rehabilitation to house the law firm of Cox, Zwerner, Gambill and Sullivan. That firm will continue to occupy the building.

■ The Friends of Ward Township No. 5 Randolph County are awarded \$7,350 to assist in recreating the missing bell tower as it appeared in the 1891 one-room school construc-



Applicants with an eligible historic commercial structure can apply for project funding between \$5,000 and \$100,000 at a maximum request of 50 percent of the total eligible project cost.



LCF Properties LLC is awarded \$58,908 to preserve the exterior of the IORM building in the town of Lagro.

tion. Located in the city of Winchester, the building has been under renovation since 2015 and is nearing completion. The restored school will host elementary students during field trips who will experience education as administered during the one-room school era and will also be available for special events.

■ Jason Long is awarded \$18,421 to preserve the Sherman Row House located in the Town of Vernon. This building was built in 1830 and was eventually used as part of the Underground Railroad to assist in helping enslaved peoples gain their freedom in the mid-1800s. Slaves were once brought up from the Muscatatuck River and hidden in the tunnels dug underneath the building. Orig-

inally used as a hotel, the main level part is currently in use as a liquor store.

■ Brandon Denton of Denton Floyd Real Estate Group is awarded \$100,000 to preserve the Masonic Temple for the Clark Lodge #40 Freemasons. Located in Jeffersonville, the neoclassical style masonic temple built in 1926, was designed by the notable Louisville-area architect, Arthur Loomis. It was preserved from demolition by a joint effort between the City of Jeffersonville and Denton Floyd. The property will be utilized as the Denton Floyd Development Team headquarters.

■ The Children’s Museum is awarded \$12,500 to preserve the Stutz Houses tile roof. Located in Indianapolis, the Craftsman res-

ident was built in 1923 for the Stutz family. The Stutz House currently houses the not-for-profit organization, the Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation. This project will help to continue this use and preserve the historic building.

■ Bryan Van Duyn is awarded \$8,639 to renovate the Reeve Building, in the city of Plymouth. Constructed in 1910, and currently, a jewelry store since 2006, the existing roof of the Reeve Building will receive new rigid insulation, new flashing, and a new liquid membrane roof.

For more information, visit www.in.gov/ocra/hrgp.htm.

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My Husband the Creep

DEAR ANNIE: My husband and I have been married for eight years. My first marriage ended because my ex was a serial cheater and all-around creep. “Mike” seemed to be the exact opposite. However, shortly after we were married, I found out he was checking out dating sites. I confronted him, and he deleted his accounts.

Dear Abby



Then, about two years ago, I found out he and a 22-year-old co-worker had a sexting relationship. I was going to file for divorce, but he promised me he would stop. I insisted we go to counseling, and we went a few times. He said he had never been physically unfaithful to me. I warned him that this was strike two and that three strikes and he would be out.

A few months later, I checked his Twitter account and was disgusted by the sleazy women he was communicating with. Strike three. He pleaded with me to stay. Eventually, he deleted his Twitter account and promised to stay on the straight and narrow.

A few months ago, while paying our cellphone bill, I glanced at the record of his text messages. I found several texts sent in the middle of the night to an 18-year-old high school girl whom he used to work with. Can you tell me any good reason a 60-year-old man should be texting an 18-year-old girl he does not even work with anymore?

I am getting up the courage to confront my husband about this and to most likely go through another gut-wrenching divorce. Why am I writing to you? I guess it's just to validate my feelings – to tell me I don't deserve this. By the way, I have never cheated on him in any way. He reads your column every day in the paper. If you would agree that a 60-year-old man reaching out to girls younger than his own daughters is creepy, he might listen. But I'm not holding my breath. – Deja Vu in Wisconsin

DEAR DEJA VU: If you're looking for someone to tell you that your husband's behavior is creepy, you have come to the right place. His behavior is very creepy. The first text with a 22-year-old woman from work should have tipped you off. You can't have a healthy relationship with someone who is preoccupied with relationships with others. It's time to pack your bags and head out. It might cause you pain in the short term, but in the long run, you will be liberating yourself from a lifetime of lies and deception.

DEAR ANNIE: This is in response to “Child-Free and Tired of Judgment.” My husband and I have been married for over 40 years and chose to not have children. We were told repeatedly that we would regret that decision. I can tell you truthfully that we have no regrets. We've always told people that we are selfish and want to do the things people with kids just can't pick up and do. All those people who had kids – some wish they hadn't had them, and that's a burden, financially and psychologically, that can't be reversed. Some have the joy of a lifetime to cherish children and grandchildren. When feasible, always re-evaluate your position. But know that the childless position you have chosen could be spot on for you. – Childless With No Regrets

DEAR CHILDLESS WITH NO REGRETS: I'm printing your letter so that it might offer comfort to anyone facing criticism for not having children – though I take issue with your calling yourself selfish. Having children out of peer pressure would have been selfish. You and your husband made the right choice for yourselves.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

CROSSWORD

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4 Riled up

7 Slam —

11 Past

12 Own

13 Diva's tune

14 Wield

15 Advocate

16 Quite a few

17 Lawns

19 Festival

20 Pale blond

21 Record

22 Fab Four member

25 Mallets

28 Juice-based drink

29 Light gas

31 Lamb's mom

33 Really tiny

34 Cushions

36 Paneling wood

37 Debated

40 Preference

42 Before

43 Bushy-tailed animal

44 Cold War capital

DOWN

1 Cozy place to sit

2 Repulsive

3 “Naked Maja” artist

4 Cattail locale

5 Std.

6 Ruby or Sandra

7 Injure

8 Russian range

9 Ms. Foch

10 Bandleader

12 Large bay in Canada

18 Piece of cloth

19 State VIP

21 Come ashore

22 Windy and cold

23 Sneaking suspicion

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27 Clobber

30 “En garde” weapon

32 Make ends meet

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GRCOA

UVGAA

FARCAE

FLITUE

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Ans. “here:”

Yesterday's Jumbles: VENUE BEEFY ICONIC VANISH

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Do you know what two plus two is?

She knows her addition.

I know that! Here, see?

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WHEN ASKED IF SHE KNEW WHAT TWO PLUS TWO EQUALED, SHE SAID SHE KNEW ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Those are the air holes for the blackbirds.”

BEETLE BAILEY

HERE COME THOSE SOLDIERS AGAIN

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FOLLOW THE ONE WITH THE FUNNY HAT. HE COMES WITH CRUMBS

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BLONDIE

DEAR, IS THAT YOU RUMBLING? YES, MY STOMACH IS CRYING OUT TO MY BRAIN, WHICH IS JUMP STARTING MY TASTE BUDS!

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I'D BE DOING MY TUMMY A DISSERVICE IF I DIDN'T RESOLVE THIS CONFLICT

IT'S NOT EASY BEING A PEACEMAKER

YOU'RE A GIVER, DEAR

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HI & LOIS

DAWG ALWAYS KNOWS WHEN DADDY IS BARBECUING.

I FOLLOW THE MEAT.

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THIS ALL WOULD COME IN HANDY A FEW MONTHS BACK.

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WIZARD OF ID

YAWN

CRACK

AANNND... BACK TO BED...

I LOVE SATURDAYS

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DILBERT

WHAT COLLEGE DID YOU GO TO?

I'D RATHER NOT SAY.

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THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ANSWER THAT WAY ARE PEOPLE WHO WENT TO HARVARD.

DO THEY TEACH YOU FALSE MODESTY?

IT WAS MY MAJOR.

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GARFIELD

YOU LOOK GUILTY

AND CUTE!

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FORT KNOX

MOM, I'VE FINALLY GIVEN UP PONUTS.

GOOP FOR YOU, JOEY!

CLEAN LIVING

HEART PUMP

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YOUR FATHER'D BE ALIVE TODAY IF HE'D GIVEN UP PONUTS.

REALLY??

YES.

HEART 2 HEART

AND PACKED A PARACHUTE BEFORE CLIFF-JUMPING.

GRANITY KILLS

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PICKLES

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO THIS CRAZY CAT.

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USUALLY SHE'S EITHER BITING AND SCRATCHING ME OR IGNORING ME. NOW SHE'S ACTING LIKE SHE LOVES ME.

OH, SHE'S JUST MARKING YOU WITH HER SCENT GLANDS.

DARN CAT!!

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Losing a job can be very traumatic

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: So many people have lost jobs – and lost heart – yet bills continue to pile up and children need to be fed. How does one encourage others in times like these? – J.L.

A: Losing a job can be a very traumatic experience. When people get cut from the workforce in difficult times, it can have a serious psychological effect. In our culture, most people have to depend on being hired by others and when the job market is limited, it brings despair.

It is always possible that when someone loses a job it may lead them into an entirely different type of work. People should be open to the possibilities of considering going a different direction.



Billy Graham
My Answer

Often this is God's way of setting people on a new path-way.

Be an encourager by pointing to God, acknowledging His provision for those who will look to Him as the Source of all things. This can be an important time for spiritual growth.

If a person is not a believer in Christ, losing a job could be God's way of getting one's attention, opening the way to consider the need for salvation and for God's direction in life. For those who know the Lord, pray that they

will rely on the Lord to reveal the next step in life, because He promises never to leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

God intends for people to find satisfaction in work (Ecclesiastes 2:24) and He knows what happens in each life. Our lives never need to be filled with hopelessness if Christ is at the center. He cares and has a plan for each one who belongs to Him as His child. Trust Him to make His pathway known, and as doors open and close, listen for the still small voice that speaks through His word.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“LMXKJ KX ZKCA EBA UAWKMX
YG BMLRWCKWH; MWKDATXRZ ...
CKHX HAXATDA EBA TKJBWAXX RWH
HKLAWXKYW YG KE KW EBAKT ZKDAX.”
— GZAR

Previous Solution: “Being a grown-up woman doesn't mean you can't look beautiful, individual and different.” — Twiggy

TODAY'S CLUE: 9 5 1 2 6 8 4

LOCAL BRIEFS

Miami Corn Husk Doll workshop planned at Mississinewa Lake

Spend the afternoon with Miami artist and tradition bearer Catherine Nagy Mowry and make a corn husk doll in the Myaamia way from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 at Mississinewa Lake, 4673 S. 625 East, Peru, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist.

“Learn how the corn husk doll lost her face and the importance of Miami White Corn, or ‘minjipi,’” said Rody.

The class size is limited. Advance registration is required.

Children welcome, but

those under 12 years of age should be accompanied by an adult. All materials will be provided by the artist.

“This is a free event made possible by the ‘Arts in the Parks’ grant through the IAC, ISPM and DNR,” said Rody.

Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle will apply.

For more information, call 260-468-2127 or visit [dnr.IN.gov](#).

Next month’s Lagro Town Board meeting rescheduled

The town of Lagro has rescheduled its monthly board meeting for next month, according to Kristie

Bone, clerk-treasurer.

Bone said their meeting for August has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3 in Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro.

Ladies of Honeywell hold Chip In Event

The Ladies of Honeywell held a Chip In Event on Tuesday, July 21, according to Lana Garber, secretary.

Loretta Cornwell chipped in on Hole No. 1, Marie Coffman on Hole No. 8 and Garber on Hole No. 16.

“Next week will see a return to a scramble event,” said Garber. “Register by Monday morning.”

— Staff reports

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Alan Godsey Memorial

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Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Parishioners 65 and older are urged to stay home, and those attending are asked to observe 6' safety distance and all must wear a face masks. Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. No Services at Church. Live broadcast Sunday Morning at 8:30am 95.9 KISS FM

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church, Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. Currently only doing virtual services on Sunday morning at 10am until June 14th. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/>

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am. ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. www.LivingFaithWabash.org ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

First United Methodist Church, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Youth Pastor Nick Smith. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostetler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director. Service streaming on our Facebook page.

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages. "NO SERVICES UNTIL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED"

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Daily Bible Reading

Esther 3:1-15	Esther 4:1-17	Esther 5:1-14	Esther 6:1-13	Esther 6:14 - 7:10	Esther 8:1-17	Esther 9:1-19
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